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1223. A nucleoside according to claim 12 wherein said electron transfer moiety is attached via a linker at said 2' position.

1324. A nucleotide comprising a ribose comprising a covalently attached electron transfer moiety at the 2' position.

131925. A nucleic acid comprising a nucleoside comprising a ribose comprising a covalently attached electron transfer moiety at the 2' position.--

REMARKS

Claims 12-25 are pending in the application. Support for the new claims is found throughout the specification; see for example Figures 4A, 4B and 6, the examples, and a variety of places in the specification.

The applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and an early notification of such is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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